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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5268th meeting of the Security Council, held on 22 September 2005, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Burundi", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council took note of the Secretary-General's special report on the situation in Burundi (S/2005/586) dated 14 September 2005, in particular the proposal to establish a partners' forum as an international support mechanism.

"The Security Council also took note of the Declaration adopted on 13 September 2005 in New York during the Summit on Burundi, co-chaired by the Secretary-General and the President of the Republic of Uganda, in his capacity as Chairman of the Regional Peace Initiative for Burundi.

"The Security Council welcomes the decision taken during the Summit to establish a forum of Burundi's partners and encourages the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to conclude discussions with all concerned partners in order to establish the forum as soon as possible.

"The forum should work with the Government of Burundi in consolidating peace and national reconciliation in Burundi, supporting reforms being undertaken by the Government and in enhancing donor coordination, and work in close coordination with the Peacebuilding Commission once it is operational.

"The Security Council also reiterates its call to the donor community to pursue bilateral and multilateral efforts to support the country."

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